

**COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**December 8, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:45 p.m. in the township office, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were, Chair Terry Nelson, Supervisor Dennis Olsen, Supervisor Don Triebwasser, Treasurer Debbie Leppala and Clerk Sandi Nelson. Resident Barb Leuelling arrived later.

The clerk read the minutes. Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to approve the minutes of the November 10<sup>th</sup> town board meeting with the correction that Don Triebwasser was present. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The treasurer presented the cash control statement.

GENERAL FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$4,262.62; total \$(-10,554.92)  
NON-LEVY RESERVE FUND: receipts \$1,816.22; disbursements \$0; total \$100,750.69  
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: receipts \$200.00; disbursements \$1,991.10; total \$16,804.80  
CHRONICLE FUND receipts \$335.00; disbursements \$1,058.22; total \$13,178.42  
CEMETERY\OLD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$71.11; total \$3,632.36  
CEMETERY\NEW FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$11,417.23  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$5,174.74  
PARKS & REC FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$4,400.77  
FIRE FUND: receipts \$10,971.00; disbursements \$7.23; total \$21,346.40  
FIRE TRUCK FUND: receipts \$33.81; disbursements \$0; total \$20,600.91  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$0; total \$(-5,859.52)  
FDR FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$3,400.00; total \$0  
CPSSD FUND: receipts \$0; disbursements \$1,065.00; total \$(-1,516.80)  
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$13,356.03  
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$11,855.28  
BALANCE ON HAND:11/30/05 \$179,375.08

Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Don Triebwasser to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to approve and sign the claims list for claim #12735 through #12766, claims totaling \$55,309.30 to pay the Bills For Payment. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Tabled discussion of a new lawn mower. Picnic tables have been ordered. Terry Nelson received the contracts from Lumber Jack Shows. Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to accept & sign the Sheers Lumberjack Show with receipt of a certificate of insurance and issue check #12767 for \$340.00. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Don Triebwasser to revise the agenda to hear from Barb Leuelling. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION

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CARRIED. Leuelling updated the town board on the FDR project on their property. Most of the fill around the house and raising of the garage and the rip-rap has been completed. Leuelling's are excited about the work that was done and how safe and sound they feel now. The landscaping/seeding needs to be completed. Leuelling have also been working with South St. Louis Cty. Soil & Water Conservation Dist. to do the shore land erosion along the Whiteface River and that is almost completed. Leuelling submitted an invoice for work completed. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Don Triebwasser to send the Bruhjell Construction invoice on to the MnDNR for the FDR project. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Community Center: Dennis Olsen motioned, supported by Don Triebwasser to purchase a speaker phone from Perpich TV. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Don Triebwasser to purchase 3 bulletin for town notices. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Roads: Discussed clearing along the right-of-way of S. Strand Lake Road. Received a call from Gene Becker's office, St. Louis Cty. Land Dept., the land department will be selling off timber along S. Strand Lake Road in 2006.

CPSSD: Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to set a special board meeting December 28, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. to go over NAWE contract and possible conference call with attorney. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Rink: Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Terry Nelson to accept Christa Pechtold, Shelby Slygh, Andy Puvogel, Jac Courteau, and Ryan Nelson as ice rink attendants. AWAIR meeting set up for December 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Don Triebwasser talked to Lanyk Electric. Lanyk has poles and lights for the ice rink at a reasonable price. The broken wires going to the warming building have been fixed.

Meetings: CPSSD Public Hearing - T. Nelson, D. Olsen, D. Triebwasser, D. Leppala and S. Nelson; MAT Annual Meeting & Conference - D. Olsen, D. Leppala and S. Nelson. Discussed the MAT Annual Conference. Discussed the St. Louis Cty. Township Officers meeting. Triebwasser requested a resolution be written that townships receive fair value for wood products/bio-mass harvested off tax forfeit lands. Attorneys Mike Couri and Bob Ruppe offered to look over resolution.

Don Triebwasser motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen to purchase a suitable vault to store township documents. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Don Triebwasser to issue check # 12768 for \$454.72 to pay NAWE balance. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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Don Triebwasser attended a public forum on renewal energy hosted by MN Dept. of Commerce and Iron Range Resources. This was to provide an opportunity to talk about Community Based Energy Development or C-BED. Triebwasser discussed wind and solar energy.

Commissioner Keith Nelson talked to Triebwasser regarding the JOBZone. There may be a manufacturing company capable of producing 40 jobs. Must get the business subsidy agreement approved and set up a public hearing.

Discussed optical scan precinct counter equipment. The Board told the clerk to contact St. Louis Cty. and request to get on the grant list for optical scan equipment.

Triebwasser signed the monitoring well maintenance permit.

DEED is holding several 90-minute listening sessions to learn more about information product and service preference of DEED clients and stakeholders. Cotton is not available to attend.

Cotton is not interested in a SuperFleet card.

As there was no further business, Terry Nelson motioned, supported by Dennis Olsen that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. Don Triebwasser aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Clerk

Approved:

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Town Chair

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Date